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Docket No. GC527C1

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In re Application of)	
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Estell et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1644
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Serial No.: 09/500,135)	Examiner: Saunders, D.
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Filed: February 8, 2000)	
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For: Proteins Producing an Altered)	
Immunogenic Response and Methods)	
of Making and Using the Same)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
MAILED APRIL 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made as indicated below. Applicants are filing the present Response within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action in order to provoke an Advisory Action. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. A listing of the Claims, showing the present amendments begins on page 2, while Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is provided on page 8, herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending Claims are allowable and request that the present Claims be passed to allowance.

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¹*Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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